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FOR: OES/OFA/FA

PLEASE PASS TO MIKE BENEFIEL
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES ANALYSIS DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20235

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO JACK BRAWNER AND
RAY KRAATZ

2. THE FOLLOWING APPEARED IN A RECENT ISSUE OF THE JAPAN TIMES
"SOME JAPANESE TRADING HOUSES AND FISHERY FIRMS HAVE BEEN WARNED
NOT TO NEGOTIATE PRIVATELY WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER
NATIONS ON FISH IMPORTS. THAT WAS MADE OFFICIAL IN THE LOWER
HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE FRIDAY BY MAKOTO OKAYASU,DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF THE FISHERY AGENCY. OKAYASU TOLD THE DIET THAT PRIVATE
NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT AFFECT JAPANESE CATCH QUOTAS IN THE 200-MILE
ECONOMIC ZONES OF SOME NATIONS AND WARNED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE
IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NATION'S FISHERY INDUSTRY.
IMPORTS OF CERTAIN SPECIES OF FISH SUCH AS ALASKA POLACK ARE
AMONG ITEMS STILL REGULATED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. OKAYASU
TOLD THE LOWER HOUSE PANEL THAT THE OUTCOME OF PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS
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COULD LOWER CATCH QUOTAS AND RESULT IN HIGHER CONSUMER PRICES FOR
FISH". THUS UNTIL ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND USSR ON
JAPANESE FISHING WITHIN THE SOVIET 200-MILE ZONE ARE COMPLETED
WHICH SHOULD BE ABOUT MID-APRIL, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO GET THE
JAPANESE INDUSTRY TO COMMIT AN INTEREST IN IMPORTING FISHERY
PRODUCTS. THIS WILL INTERFERE WITH THE COOPERATION WE WILL NEED
WITH THE JAPANESE INDUSTRY TO PUBLICIZE THE FISHERYTRADE MISSION.

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3. I RECOMMEND WE NOT HOLD THE TRADE MISSION UNTIL MID-JUNE; AND, IF NOT THEN WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL ABOUT MID-SEPTEMBER. APPARENTLY JULY AND AUGUST IN TOKYO ARE NOT DESIRABLE TIMES FOR TRADE MISSIONS.

4. THE TOKYO TRADE CENTERMIGHT BE AVAILABLE AROUND MID-SEPTEMBER. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS USE OF HILTON HOTEL FACILITIES. THE HILTON WILL PROVIDE MEETING ROOMS AS LONG AS THE MISSION IN THE PAST.

5. WALT JONES OF ALASKA REGION IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP TRADE INFORMATION ON POLLACK AND TANNER CRAB AND WARREN RATHJEN OF NORTHEAST REGION NEEDS BETTER TRADE DATA ON SQUID. I AM SURE OTHER REGIONS HAVE AN INTEREST AS WELL AND WILL BE CONTACTED. BUTTON

NOTE BY OC/T: PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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